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Draft General Override Question

Shall the Town of Acton be allowed to assess an additional \$3,000,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of meeting the educational expenses of the Acton Public Schools and the Acton—Boxborough Regional School system, for meeting the operating expenses of the Police Department, Fire Department, West Acton Citizens Library, Memorial Library, Highway Department, Finance Department, Municipal Properties Department, Natural Resources Department, Building Department, Health Department, Engineering Department, Cemetery Department, and Planning Department of the Town and the Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and three?

18 Hartland Way
Acton, MA 01720-5860
February 4, 2003

Board of Selectmen
Town of Acton
472 Main Street
Acton, MA 01720

To Whom It May Concern:

I understand that on Monday, February 10, 2003 you will conduct another hearing on plans for the area known as Robbins Brook. Since I will be unable to attend, may I note some concerns?

1. PARKING

Does Acton have any guidelines for off-street parking spaces per housing unit? According to the plans, it appears that about ten spaces presently designated for The Pines will be removed. With only one present occupant in that building, there are often vehicles parked in some of those spaces. With full occupancy, where will service and guests' vehicles park?

2. SAFETY

Especially during the present winter weather, those who walk often use the street. Even in good weather, many still do, some with walkers and occasionally even with wheelchairs. If on-street parking becomes a necessity, this would be even more hazardous.

3. SNOW REMOVAL

Much of the snow presently removed from driveways and fire hydrants is dumped in open space adjoining The Pines on Hartland Way where four units are proposed. Additionally, the plan shows an area with some 29 units and no obvious open area. If the present plan is executed, where will removed snow be deposited?

4. DENSITY

Beyond the architectural features of the present town houses, I expect that a major factor for many purchasers at Robbins Brook has been the open spaces--the center green in each block, and for several of us, the area across the street (which I had understood was to remain that way). The proposed new sections appear to be much more densely developed, with no central green, open areas.

I do have some other concerns, but anticipate that neighbors will make note of them. Thanking you for your consideration, I remain,

Sincerely,

June N. Barnes
Mrs. June N. Barnes

cc: Mr. & Mrs. Richard King

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Note: to be included
for site plan
hearing
cc: G. Rhodes